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FM AMEMBASSY REYKJAVIK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5654

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FOR SCS

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: CDES IC (SMITH, ROBERT LORIN AND SMITH, CATHERINE)

SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMCITS IN ICELAND

REF: REYKJAVIK 1049, 1054; DET 1 HQ ARRS RAMSTEIN AB GER, 152340Z
SEP 75

1. EMBASSY REPORTS DEATHS OF U.S. CITIZENS DR. ROBERT LORIN SMITH
AND WIFE, MRS. CATHERINE SMITH, OF 513 SEABORN DRIVE, HUNTSVILLE,
ALABAMA 35806 ON 9-14-75 SOMETIME AFTER 1831 HRS. SUBJECTS WERE
KILLED IN CRASH OF THEIR PRIVATE PLANE NEAR THE SUMMIT OF
EYJAFJALLAJOKULL GLACIER ON THE SOUTH COAST OF ICELAND.

2. BODIES OF SUBJECTS RECOVERED ON 9-15-75 AT APPROXIMATELY
2000 HRS. BY RESCUE HELICOPTER FROM USN BASE AT KEFLAVIK.
PERSONAL EFFECTS STILL AT SCENE OF ACCIDENT, WILL PROBABLY BE
RECOVERED TODAY BY MEMBERS OF ACCIDENT INVESTIGATION COMMITTEE FROM
MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS, AND WILL BE TRANSFERRED TO AMERICAN
CONSUL. NO PASSPORT INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS YET.

3. EMBASSY INFORMED THAT MRS. SMITH'S NEXT-OF-KIN IS COMMANDER
ALAN ADAMS, USN, BINNEY ROAD, OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT 06371.

4. EMBASSY REQUESTS SCS NOTIFY NEXT-OF-KIN OF DR. AND MRS.
SMITH'S DEATH AND OF FOLLOWING INDIVIDUAL APPROXIMATE BURIAL
AND SHIPMENT COSTS. FULL BURIAL IN ICELAND - \$200.00; CREMATION AND
CONTAINER FOR SHIPMENT TO NY - \$40.00; CREMATION AND BURIAL IN ICE-
LAND - \$10.00; COMPLETE PREPARATION AND SHIPMENT TO NY - \$250.00

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FOR PREPARATION PLUS \$510.00 AIR FREIGHT OR \$60.00 SURFACE

FREIGHT; ICELANDIC LAW REQUIRES BURIAL WITHIN 15 DAYS, EXHUMATION
PERMITTED AFTER SEVEN YEARS WITH PERMISSION OF MINISTRY OF
JUSTICE ONLY. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS ASAP.
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